

Passing of a Pioneer.

Peacefully and painlessly, her end befitting the noble life she had lived, Mrs. Kittle McGrew on last Thursday evening closed her eyes on mortal things and passed into the blessed rest promised by Him whom she had so earnestly and consistently served. Her demise came as the conclusion of a period of illness extending over the past many months, and while of course expected, it nevertheless brought poignant grief to hundreds, who counted themselves thrice blessed in possessing the friendship of so estimable a woman. Kittle Coleman McGrew was born December 17, 1853, at Oregon, Mo., and died at Auburn, Neb., September 14, 1911, at 6 o'clock p. m., aged 57 years, 8 months and 27 days. She came with her parents to Brownville, Neb., when still in her infancy. It was here that she spent her young girlhood and received her education in the Brownville High School. On December 1, 1870, she was united in marriage with Samuel W. McGrew, and to their union was born two children, Grace D. and Burch J. It was the untimely death of these dear ones that shook Mrs. McGrew's health to the very foundations, and made possible the ravages of the disease which eventually claimed her for its victim. Mrs. McGrew was a woman of the highest culture and refinement, responsive to all that was best in art, literature, music and reform. To her, religion was something soulful, and in her heart there was an altar upon which burned the continual fires of her veneration for her God and the Christ who came, the highest expression of God upon earth. She united in 1874 with the Methodist Protestant church at London. In 1888 they moved to Auburn, and at that time she allied herself with the Presbyterian church and was a member of it at the time of her death.

Her mother instinct was not confined to her own children, but also went out sympathetically to such as were not as fortunate as her own. She took the place of foster mother to three young lads, Chas. Sykes, for some years city salesman for a large wholesale house in Salt Lake City; Mr. Sykes died some time ago; Dennis Wall, now a banker in Fort Worth, Tex., and Dr. Samuel Baker, of Alma, Neb. Her nieces, the Misses Blanche and Helen Coleman, also made their home with their aunt since the death of their parents. The former until her marriage and the latter still being a member of the family.

Mentally alert, she was foremost in every enterprise which afforded opportunity for the furthering of intellectuality and cultivated the morality of the community.

Having the eye and taste of an artist, she viewed the masters understandingly. With a mind which craved truth, she surrounded herself with the best books and read only the finest literature. Having a memory that was unfailing, she could command and present interesting matter upon practically any theme which might be under discussion. And like Dorcas, she has left behind her a procession of good works, which only the coming months can reveal.

Mrs. McGrew was a charter member of the Mental Culture Club, of this city, also a charter member of the Women's Club, and has held important places in each. She was a prominent member of the Civic Improvement Society, the Women's Auxiliary Cemetery Association, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

One of the pioneers of the state, her childhood having been spent amid the scenes of frontier life, she was vitally interested in collecting and preserving for posterity data and relics of that period, so short a time ago as years are reckoned, but so remote when progress and change are considered. As one of the foremost workers in the Association of Nebraska Pioneers and the State Historical Society, it was her desire to have Nemaha county in the vanguard of active, historical work. Due to her efforts the Nemaha County Historical Society was formed, its annual sessions having now become of the most interesting and instructive gatherings of the year. In consequence of her efforts and enthusiasm, the society is now in possession of much valuable data and personal memoirs of the early pioneers, many of these having since joined the silent majority. Sketches of their early days in Nebraska, of what they did, of the scenes they witnessed and the conditions surrounding their lives in hewing out a fertile state from the "great American Desert" have been preserved through her instrumentality.

Mrs. McGrew also took a vital interest in the Brownville Homecoming, being among the first to recognize and appreciate the value of this annual gathering of those who had at different times been residents of what was once Nebraska's metropolis. Many who attended the first gathering have since gone to that great and final Homecoming, but no loss will be more keenly felt by those who remain

as that of the splendid woman who contributed of her time and labor and brain to assist in making the annual event a success.

A comprehensive reader herself, she knew and appreciated to the full the value of good books, and with her husband was instrumental in securing an appropriation from Andrew Carnegie for the establishment of a free public library in Auburn. The citizens, failing to realize the great opportunity offered, the proposal failed of acceptance at the polls. Mrs. McGrew did not lose heart, but set to work along other lines for the establishment of a public library, expressing the hope and belief, that when the citizens of Auburn came to realize fully the benefits of such an institution, through actual contact, they would reverse their decision with reference to the Carnegie offer, if ever given the opportunity.

In all these relations she, by very virtue of her capabilities, took an active and successful part. Master of the situation, whether it was in the sick room, the chamber of death or a social function, her taking of will be sorely missed by a throng of those who knew her best. The poor to whom she ministered, the rich whose lives were made richer by her association, and the institutions that never appealed to her in vain will all breathe a prayer of thanksgiving that they were not shut out from the circle of her influence and quiet but substantial evidences of her hearty interest.

While we mingle our tears of sorrow, we will not forget that did she bid us, it would be to think of the living and their necessities. Her release from pain and disease is a matter of congratulation; our present sorrow is the matter of moment, and should aid us in looking upward to the source of comfort, and in taking hold by faith of the God of all inspiration and the upholder of all such as come in faith of Him.

A throng gathered at the late residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock to pay their last tribute of love and respect. Rev. J. H. Salisbury, of the First Presbyterian, and Dr. Van Fleet, of the Avenue Methodist church, spoke eloquently of the life of the deceased and of her good works. As she would have desired, they were words of hope and faith and tender sympathy, and as the afternoon sun sank in a glory of brilliant color, all that was mortal of one of God's noble women was laid to quiet rest, her soul being in that land where all is glory, where there shall be no night "and they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light and they shall reign forever and ever." Nemaha County, Neb., Herald, Auburn, Neb., September 22, 1911.

The deceased will be remembered by the early settlers of this place. She was a cousin of Mrs. Jacob Bucher, of this city, and her father was a brother of Mrs. Thomas Curtis-Shackelford, now deceased.

Mrs. James R. Brown is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cora Miller, of St. Joseph.

Mrs. M. E. Fletcher has returned to her home in Cameron, after an extended visit with relatives and friends. J. M. Thompson and wife, of Cameron, spent a few days this week with her sisters, Mrs. Headley and Mrs. Crowell.

Warrie Walker, Mrs. J. W. King and Gladys drove down to the St. Joseph horse show, Wednesday, in the latter's auto.

Elmer and Roy Thornton, accompanied by their families, left this week for Exland, Sawyer county, Wisconsin, where they recently purchased land. We wish them success in their new home.

WARNING!

Blanket Prices are going up. When our present stock is exhausted our prices will have to advance at least 40 per cent. Blanket Prices are high, this year, except at this store. KREEK & HANNESS.

John Wintermote, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Edith, of Chambers, Holt county, Neb., is visiting here, the guest of his mother, Mrs. John Wintermote, and sister, Mrs. E. M. Brooks.

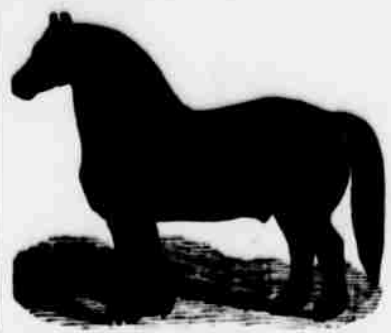
Mrs. Amos Moore, of this city, accompanied by her son, Harold, was called to Council Bluffs, Iowa, Friday of last week, September 22, 1911, by the death of her mother, Mrs. Jane Nicholson-Patten, aged 70 years. Her death was caused by the infirmities of old age.

John Peret brought us a curiosity in the shape of a stub of corn stalk that was planted by John W. Watson on his farm about five miles southeast of where Maitland now stands in 1869. Afterward Mr. Watson built a house on this field and did not remove the corn stubs, and he recently had occasion to look under the house, which he is still occupying, and found the stubs in as good condition as when he built the house, being as solid and firm as the day the corn was cut.

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Mound City, Friday, September 29, Thompson's Barn
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OREGON SCHOOL NOTES

Close of the First Month—Maintaining Department.

(BY E. M. BROOKS, SUPERINTENDENT.)

Today closes the first month. Next week statements of the scholarship and deportment of each pupil will be sent to the parents. The grades of most pupils will not be high for the first month. It requires some time for the majority of them to get settled down to hard study. However, parents and pupils should examine these reports carefully, and where grades are marked failure or very low, an investigation should be started by the parent and pupil at once. There is something rather strange when a parent comes to the teacher or superintendent at the end of three or four months or at the end of the term and says, "Why, I didn't know blank was failing in his school work; why didn't you tell me?" When that same parent had received a statement from the teacher every month. The only purpose of the teachers keeping elaborate records and sitting up nights making out grade cards is to enable pupils to know where they stand in each subject and to acquaint parents with the progress of their children to the end that parent, pupil and teacher may intelligently co-operate in securing the best possible results for the expenditure of the pupil's time and money.

When the work of the pupil is not satisfactory, as indicated by the cards, it is not the place of the overworked teacher to run around over the district and tell the parents of such pupils that something should be done. It is the supreme duty of the parents to find out at once the cause of the failures and low grades, to take the pupil and the teacher into their confidence and discover if possible a remedy. With this understanding, then, we will issue statements each month, and we trust parents will examine these and start an investigation immediately on receipt of unsatisfactory grades.

Now a word as to deportment in the High School. If you will visit us and spend at least a half day, better a whole day, we can thoroughly convince you that we have a well-behaved, enthusiastic, studious group of young men and young women in our High School. Both pupils and teachers hold the standard of conduct high. Every student is expected to make a deportment of at least 90 per cent. This is high, but not too high. The High Schools of this country have improved in no one thing more than in the school spirit of the student body. Young men and young women in the secondary schools appreciate their opportunities today as never before, and the disorderly pupil is frowned on in these latter years as not only showing a lack of culture but as a hindrance from a pure business standpoint. Such a thing as deliberate disturbance has almost disappeared from the well-regulated High Schools. A chief difficulty with some pupils is to refrain from unnecessary whispering. In our High School we have a definite period in which all necessary communicating may be done and after this time no communication is permitted. The trouble with communication among pupils during business hours is that if permitted without restriction it grows. In the classroom, whispering necessarily interferes with the recitations and in the study room it interrupts the work of two pupils, thus wasting the time not only of the talker but of his neighbor.

Dr. Elmer, during his visit last week, complimented our pupils and patrons on their splendid school spirit and the interest manifested by all in maintaining a high class of school in this community. Let us continue to merit this commendation, both in scholarship and deportment. The pupil who does not do so must not expect much mercy at the hands of the faculty, and especially in the matter of deportment. There may be some reasons for not making high grades in scholarship, sickness, the difficulty of the subject, etc., but there is no reason why any young man or young woman in the High School should make a low deportment.

The pupils in the lower grades of the Grammar department are taking much interest in nature study. The trees, birds, bugs, streams and flowers are receiving due attention. Books are good things and very helpful, but they are not the whole thing in education. Our best lessons and most valuable knowledge come from a close walk with nature. The child who learns to know and to love the living things in nature cannot be cruel, and lazy, and cheerless.

We appreciate the many beautiful bouquets of flowers sent to us the past month by kind and thoughtful friends. These kindly remembrances bring no small amount of cheer to the dim schoolrooms these cloudy days.

We were glad to see Miss Lou Petree and Elby McNulty among our visitors last week.

We had a pleasant time at Maitland Saturday. It was a good ball game to the close of the sixth inning, the score being 2 to 0 in favor of our boys. But a pair of safe hits and some scrambles in the weeds by the fielders enabled Maitland to run in five scores in the seventh. Though our boys rallied in the 9th, the lead was too strong to overcome, and we lost by accident to Maitland. The Maitland team will play here Saturday, October 7. Come out and give the High School team good support. We promise you to win on that date. The Maitland High School tennis team will play our team at the school house, Saturday, at 2:30. Come out and see an interesting game. Our tennis club has put in new 8-ft. wire back stops and are getting down to real tennis work. Help them out tomorrow by your presence.

The Silent Reaper.

SHAEFFER.

Maria C. Wilkes was born April 29, 1859, and lived three miles south of Forest City all of her life. She united with the Christian church in 1873 at the age of 14 and remained a member of the same until the day of her death, September 13, 1911. She was united in marriage to John C. Schaeffer, January 3, 1877, and to this union was born eight children, five are living and three who died in youth.

The deceased is survived by husband, three sons, two daughters, mother, brother and sisters. Funeral services were conducted at the Christian church by the pastor, Rev. E. D. Augustine, who used for his discourse the text: St. Mark 14:8. "She hath done what she could," which was a type of the life of the deceased by comparison. Mary was devoted to the home, so likewise was our loving one that passed away. She was a loving wife, a devoted mother and a Christian. The interment was made in the Dunkard cemetery, September 15, 1911. Forest City News.

GILLMORE.

James Gillmore, who for over 50 years has resided in Lincoln township, died at his home in Corning, Friday last, September 22, 1911, in the 71st year of his age.

He was born in Ohio, May 9, 1841. He came to St. Joseph or Sparta, the old county seat, when but a child of 3 years, and resided there until 1869, when he came to Holt county, locating at old Marietta, and was among the originals "movers" who moved from Marietta to Corning, before the building of the railroad. He was a blacksmith by trade, which he followed until the infirmities of old age overtook him.

He was married to a Miss Lechliter, of Marietta, from whom he has been separated for the past thirty years. He is the father of three children, D. W., of Anacortes, Wash.; Mrs. Maud Trotton, of Anacortes, Wash., and Charles, of Seattle, Wash. The funeral services were held Saturday, by Elder Puckett, of Fairfax, the interment being in Mt. Hope cemetery, Atchison county.

McCabe's Minstrels played at the Gem Theatre Monday and Tuesday nights of this week to well-filled houses. McCabe has a show of merit and introduces several pleasing numbers in his "Trip to the Jungle." It is a good show and worthy of your patronage.

James A. Williams, of Forbes, and County Clerk Zeller have been chosen as delegates to the Lake-to-the-Gulf Waterway convention. The former was chosen by Governor Hadley and the latter by the Missouri Waterway convention. The convention meets in Chicago, October 12-14.

Mrs. R. G. Emerson, of Benton district, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Jerd Andler, left this week for a visit with her father and mother, William Coburn and wife, of San Diego, Cal., and her son, Harry, of Los Angeles, and with other relatives at other points on the coast of California.

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Justice Nies' court, in St. Joseph, was busy all day Monday of this week, in the trial of a case involving the sum of 50 cents. It was the short-change case, in which George W. Glick, of Mound City, accused a ticket seller for the Barnum & Bailey circus with having "flim-flammed" him, September 15. A broad principle was involved, the prosecuting attorney said. Mr. Glick, he said, as a man of means, to whom 50 cents does not appeal as a large sum, but he has a right to protection against crooks, and it was that right which he was in court to defend. The case was hard fought on both sides, and resulted in the acquittal of the defendant, C. T. Hathaway.